

# Indiana School for the Blind

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October 26, 2005

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit  
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**RE: Indiana School for the Blind Appeal**  
Entity Number 149048 / 471 Application Number 442141  
Funding Request Number 1226865  
Applicant's Form Identifier 2005-471-184-1  
Form 470 Application Number 810940000  
Funding Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you in advance for your time and considerations. We are appealing the Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated October 5, 2005. We feel that the information you have in the following FRN may be inaccurate and may have caused SLD to give us a no Funding Commitment Decision response.

The Funding Request Number we would like to address will be the following:

**Funding Request Number 1226865**  
**Service Provider: SBC Indiana**  
**Amount: \$14,199.96**

This FRN was denied because of the following reason:

“The estimated monthly charge was changed to reflect the documentation provided by the applicant. 30% or more of this FRN includes a request for Yellow Pages, which is an ineligible service based on program rules.”

The documentation included an old bill for Yellow Pages that are no longer being paid to SBC Indiana. The quotation for the new T-1 line from SBC Indiana with makes up the difference in the amount was not provided. See the following items that actually make up the \$14,199.96 amount:

SBC Indiana Account Number: 317 251-6511 497 7	\$5,188.86
SBC Indiana Account Number: 317 253-1195 941 4	\$ 541.86
SBC Indiana Account Number: 317 253-3546 517 4	\$ 549.24
SBC Indiana Quotation for T-1: QuoteT-1	\$7,920.00
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	\$14,199.96

Thank you for taking the time to reconsider the above 471 Application Number 442141, Funding Request Number 1226865, Applicant's Form Identifier 2005-471-184-1, Form 470 Application Number 810940000. We appreciate your assistance in this matter. You may contact Chris Becker at 317-253-1481 extension 259 or [CBecker@isb.state.in.us](mailto:CBecker@isb.state.in.us) if you have questions concerning this appeal.

Sincerely,

Hal D. Owens Indiana School for the Blind  
Assistant Superintendent  
317-253-1481 extension 134

cc: James R. Durst, Superintendent

Response to denial by SLD dated November 18, 2005.

- On appeal, you seek the reversal of the SLD's decision to deny your funding request for local phone services because of 30% or more of this FRN included a request for Yellow Pages, which is an ineligible service based on program rules. In support of your request, you state that the documentation provided at the time of the PIA review included an old bill for Yellow Pages which are no longer applicable, and did not include a quotation for a new T-1 line for SBC which makes up more than 50% of the requested amount.

**This information is correct and factual.**

- Upon thorough review of your appeal letter and all relevant documentation, it is determined by SLD that the funding request was correctly denied. The appeal provided information that contradicted information originally submitted as well as information not included in your original submission. Program rules do not permit the SLD to accept new information on appeal except where an applicant was not given an opportunity to provide information during the initial review or when an error was made by SLD. The accuracy and completeness of the information provided during the PIA review is the responsibility of the applicant.

**The original amount requested on the Form 470 did not include the invoice for the Yellow Pages. We feel that if the T-1 line quote cannot be submitted, then at least the \$6,279.96 of SBC local service should be funded. Those services are eligible and do not contain any ineligible services. We are sorry that the SBC Yellow Pages bill which is a completely separate invoice was included in the initial PIA, but it was an honest error and the school should not be punished by not getting at least the local phone services funded.**

Sincerely,  
Chris Becker  
Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

